

February 4, 2019

Mr. Austin R. Evers
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005
Via Electronic Mail at: foia@americanoversight.org

Re: FOIA Request # 201900003F

Dear Mr. Ravnitzky:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank). We received your initial request in our FOIA Office via Email on October 23, 2018. You requested “all email communications from January 20, 2017 (including emails, email attachments, calendar entries/invitations)—between the agency custodians specified below and any of the following entities, or individuals representing those entities, containing the search terms “tarif*”, “tariff*”, “exempt*”, or “exclu*”:

- i. Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, including anyone with an email address ending in @autoalliance.org
- ii. Alliance for American Manufacturing, including anyone with an email address ending in @americanmanufacturing.org
- iii. Aluminum Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @aluminum.org
- iv. American Apparel and Footwear Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @aafaglobal.org
- v. American Association of Exporters and Importers, including anyone with an email address ending in @aaei.org
- vi. American Bakers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @americanbakers.org
- vii. American Chemistry Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @americanchemistry.com
- viii. American Farm Bureau Federation, including anyone with an email address ending in @fb.org
- ix. American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, including anyone with an email address ending in @aflcio.org
- x. American Feed Industry Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @afia.org
- xi. American Forest & Paper Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @afandpa.org
- xii. American Gear Manufacturers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @agma.org
- xiii. American International Automobile Dealers Association, including anyone with an

- email address ending in @aiada.org
- xiv. American Iron and Steel Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @steel.org
 - xv. American Petroleum Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @api.org
 - xvi. American Soybean Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @soygrowers.com
 - xvii. American Sugar Alliance, including anyone with an email address ending in @sugaralliance.org
 - xviii. American Trucking Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @trucking.org
 - xix. Associated General Contractors of America, including anyone with an email address ending in @agc.org
 - xx. Association of American Railroads, including anyone with an email address ending in @aar.org
 - xxi. Association of Equipment Manufacturers, including anyone with an email address ending in @aem.org
 - xxii. Association of Global Automakers, including anyone with an email address ending in @globalautomakers.org
 - xxiii. Auto Care Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @autocare.org
 - xxiv. Building and Construction Trades, including anyone with an email address ending in @nabtu.org
 - xxv. Business Roundtable, including anyone with an email address ending in @businessroundtable.org
 - xxvi. Can Manufacturers Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @cancentral.com
 - xxvii. Coalition for GSP, including anyone with an email address ending in @tradepartnership.com
 - xxviii. Coalition of American Metal Manufacturers and Users, including anyone with an email address ending in @tariffstaxes.org
 - xxix. Computer & Communications Industry Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @ccianet.org
 - xxx. Council for Responsible Nutrition, including anyone with an email address ending in @crnusa.org
 - xxxi. Dairy Farmers of America, including anyone with an email address ending in @dfamilk.com
 - xxxii. Distilled Spirits Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @distilledspirits.org
 - xxxiii. Electronic Transactions Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @electran.org
 - xxxiv. Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance, including anyone with an email address ending in @eeia.org
 - xxxv. Federation of American Hospitals, including anyone with an email address ending in @fah.org
 - xxxvi. Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America, including anyone with an email

- address ending in @fdra.org
- xxxvii. Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, including anyone with an email address ending in @freedompartners.org
- xxxviii. Grocery Manufacturers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @gmaonline.org
- xxxix. Global Cold Chain Alliance, including anyone with an email address ending in @gccca.org
- xl. Household & Commercial Products Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @thehcpa.org
- xli. Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @ilma.org
- xl.ii. International Wood Products Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @iwpawood.org
- xl.iii. Internet Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @internetassociation.org
- xl.ii. International Dairy Foods Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @idfa.org
- xl.v. Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @memma.org
- xl.vi. National Association of Chemical Distributors, including anyone with an email address ending in @nacd.com
- xl.vii. National Association of Manufacturers, including anyone with an email address ending in @nam.org
- xl.viii. National Beer Wholesalers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @nbwa.org
- xlix. National Cattlemen's Beef Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @beefusa.org
- l. National Chicken Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @nationalchickencouncil.org
- li. National Confectioners Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @candyusa.com
- lii. National Corn Growers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @ncga.com
- lii.iii. National Cotton Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @cotton.org
- liv. National Federation of Independent Business, including anyone with an email address ending in @nfib.com
- lv. National Foreign Trade Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @nftc.org
- lvi. National Grocers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @nationalgrocers.org
- lvii. National Marine Manufacturers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @nmma.org
- lviii. National Milk Producers Federation, including anyone with an email address ending in @nmpf.org

- lix. National Oilseed Processers Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @nopa.org
- lx. National Pork Producers Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @nppc.org
- lxi. National Retail Federation, including anyone with an email address ending in @nrf.com
- lxii. National Sorghum Producers, including anyone with an email address ending in @sorghumgrowers.com
- lxiii. Organization for International Investment, including anyone with an email address ending in @ofii.org
- lxiv. Personal Care Products Council, including anyone with an email address ending in @personalcarecouncil.org
- lxv. Pet Food Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @petfoodinstitute.org
- lxvi. Plastics Industry Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @plasticsindustry.org
- lxvii. Retail Industry Leaders Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @rila.org
- lxviii. SEMI, including anyone with an email address ending in @semi.org
- lxix. Software & Information Industry Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @siia.net
- lxx. The Hardwood Federation, including anyone with an email address ending in @hardwoodfederation.com
- lxxi. The Toy Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @toyassociation.org
- lxxii. Transportation Intermediaries Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @tianet.org
- lxxiii. United Auto Workers, including anyone with an email address ending in @uaw.org
- lxxiv. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, including anyone with an email address ending in @uschamber.com
- lxxv. U.S. Council for International Business, including anyone with an email address ending in @uscib.org
- lxxvi. U.S. Fashion Industry Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @usfashionindustry.com
- lxxvii. U.S. Hide, Skin and Leather Association, including anyone with an email address ending in @ushsla.org
- lxxviii. Vinyl Institute, including anyone with an email address ending in @vinylinfo.org
- lxxix. WineAmerica, including anyone with an email address ending in @wineamerica.org
- lxxx. Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America, including anyone with an email address ending in @wsa.org

Specified Agency Custodians:

- Any political appointees* in the Office of the Chairman, including:
- President and Chairman, and anyone acting on his behalf Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs

- Senior Vice President for Congressional Affairs.”

We conducted a comprehensive search of the files within the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Office of the Chairman, including electronic searches of these offices for records that would be responsive to your request. These are the components within Ex-Im Bank in which responsive records could reasonably be expected to be found. We were unable to locate or identify any responsive records.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request you may administratively appeal by writing to the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Attention: Assistant General Counsel for Administration, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20571. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. You may also submit an appeal via E-Mail at FOIA.Appeals@exim.gov. The phrase “FOIA APPEAL” should appear on the letter and on the outside of the envelope containing the appeal or in the “Subject” line of the E-Mail.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison, Ms. Lennell Jackson at (202) 565-3290 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. §552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all of our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

As it relates to your fee waiver request, we have reviewed your letter thoroughly and have determined that the applicable legal standard for a fee waiver has been met. Therefore, we are granting your request for a fee waiver.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Ms. Lennell Jackson at (202) 565-3290 or by E-Mail at Lennell.Jackson@exim.gov.

Sincerely,

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